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### Cab Calloway's Family History and Residences in Baltimore

Cabell Calloway III, known as Cab, was the third child born to Cabell Calloway Jr., and Martha Eulalia Calloway, who went by her middle name Eulalia. Their parents were both from well-regarded Baltimore families. A brief history of Cab's family helps set the stage for understanding his life and years in Baltimore. Cab stated in his autobiography that he didn't remember much about his early years; and the dates and places that he recalled in his autobiography have been cross-referenced with public records in this report.<sup>1</sup> In some cases, the recollections in the autobiography correlate closely to public records, in other cases, they do not.

#### Paternal Family

His paternal grandparents were Cabell Calloway and Elizabeth Johnson Calloway. His grandfather Cabell owned a pool hall in Baltimore and was a croupier – a dealer for a gaming table - up in New York City, so he was rarely home.<sup>2</sup> At Cabell Sr.'s death, the *Afro-American* noted that he was "one of Baltimore's oldest and most highly respected citizens."<sup>3</sup> They owned their long-time home at 1017 Druid Hill Avenue, living there from 1888 through Cabell's death in 1919 and until Elizabeth Calloway's death in 1927.<sup>4</sup> Upon her death, she deeded this house along with three others to Cab and his three siblings so they would receive monthly rental incomes.<sup>5</sup>

#### Maternal Family

His maternal grandparents were Andrew J. and Anna Creditt Reed. Anna, commonly referred to as Annie, was from an "old reputable family" in Baltimore, the second of thirteen children born to Bushrod and Mary L. Creditt.<sup>6</sup> Her brother Rev. William A. Creditt, was the pastor of the First African Baptist Church in Philadelphia, member of the Mutual Brotherhood of Liberty, and co-founder and principal of the Downingtown Industrial and Agricultural School.<sup>7</sup> Another brother, Daniel C. Creditt, was one of the first African American principals in Baltimore City Public Schools.<sup>8</sup>

There is little accessible documentary information available on Andrew J. Reed, but from what does exist, it is clear that he was a man of conviction, faith, and musical ability. He joined the 38<sup>th</sup> United States Colored Infantry Regiment, Company G, as a musician during the Civil War.<sup>9</sup> The 38<sup>th</sup> Regiment was organized in Virginia in 1864, and mustered out in January 1867.<sup>10</sup> As Andrew was born in Virginia, he may have been enslaved prior to joining the Union Army.<sup>11</sup>

In Baltimore, he worked as a barber to support his wife and twelve children, seven of whom survived to adulthood.<sup>12</sup> He was a member of the Mutual Brotherhood of Liberty, a trailblazing civil rights organization, and served a term as president in the 1890s.<sup>13</sup> Cab never knew his maternal grandfather, as Reed died in April 1905 and Cab was born more than two years later.<sup>14</sup>

Both Andrew and Annie had musical talent that they shared with their community and their family. Andrew served as the choirmaster for Leadenhall Baptist Church and Union Baptist Church, while Annie served both of those churches as the organist.<sup>15</sup> Annie's obituary notes that she was known for her exceptional musical ability, and that she taught all of children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren instrumental and vocal musical education.<sup>16</sup> A 1934 article in the *Afro-American* even goes so far as to credit Annie for Cab's musical talents.<sup>17</sup> All of Andrew and Annie's children grew up to be choirmasters or organists, which meant that each of them attended a different church.<sup>18</sup>

Following Andrew's death in 1905, Annie promptly moved from the home at 690 W. Mulberry St. that she had shared with him for 16 years into 1316 N. Carey St., which was her home until her death in 1929.<sup>19</sup> Many other members of the Creditt and Reed families lived with her over the years, including her mother, Mary L. Creditt, and her brother, Daniel C. Creditt, who both lived in the home at the time of their deaths.<sup>20</sup> In Annie's obituary, Blanche, Bernice, and Cab Calloway, and their aunt Lillian Reed Thompson were called "living monuments to her exceptional musical accomplishments."<sup>21</sup>

### **Immediate family history and residences**

Cab's parents married in Baltimore in 1901.<sup>22</sup> Cabell Jr. graduated from Lincoln University – one of the first schools to award degrees to African Americans, worked in law and real estate, and was active in the fight for civil rights, serving as secretary for a group of citizens lead by Dr. Harvey Johnson that fought Jim Crow legislation in 1904.<sup>23</sup> Eulalia was an elementary school teacher and long-time choir director and organist at Grace Presbyterian Church.<sup>24</sup> They had four children. Their first child, Blanche Calloway, was born in 1902 at 1017 Druid Hill Ave., the home of her paternal grandparents, Cabell and Elizabeth Calloway.<sup>25</sup> Following their daughter's birth, Cabell Jr. and Eulalia moved to 512 Presstman St, where they lived in 1903 and 1904.<sup>26</sup> This house is no longer extant. They moved back to Cabell's parents' home in 1905, possibly due to the birth of their second child, Bernice, in 1904.<sup>27</sup>

### **Rochester, NY**

Cab's parents moved to Rochester, NY in 1906 or 1907, as demonstrated by their absence in the Baltimore City Directories. They likely moved there due to the tough real estate market in Baltimore following the Great Baltimore fire in 1904, so Cab's father decided to try his luck in Rochester.<sup>28</sup> Cab was born on Christmas Day, 1907 in Rochester. In his autobiography, he recalls that he was born at the family home at 18 Cypress Street.<sup>29</sup> This building appears to have been demolished for a parking lot that serves an adjacent historic three-story brick commercial building. The 1910 U.S. Census shows Cab, age 2, living with his father, mother, sisters Blanche and Bernice and uncle Harry W. Calloway at 176 Henrietta St.<sup>30</sup> This house is still standing today. Cab's father and uncle were both working as porters, so it appears that

their attempt at better fortunes in Rochester had not panned out.<sup>31</sup> Cab's younger brother, Milton, who went by his middle name Elmer, was also born in Rochester, in 1912.<sup>32</sup>

#### 1017 Druid Hill Avenue

Cab recalls that the family moved back to Baltimore when he was about 11 years old, but public records show that the family returned in 1912 when he was almost 5 years old. According to Cab, they returned to Baltimore due to problems in his father's real estate business.<sup>33</sup> A society column in the *Afro-American* in June 1912 reporting that Mrs. Cabell Calloway Jr. and children were in town for a few weeks while her husband was ill in a local hospital suggests that his poor health and his business problems may have been related.<sup>34</sup> That visit must have become permanent, as the family moved back in with his paternal grandparents Cabell and Elizabeth Calloway at their home at 1017 Druid Hill Ave.<sup>35</sup> This building was later demolished for the construction of McCulloh Homes.

Cab did not like living at his paternal grandparents' house, as his Grandmother Calloway was strict. He recalled, "Man, we couldn't do anything in that house, especially not the things that kids just naturally want to do. Her strictness was the cause of a lot of my problems later on. After I was out of her house, I sort of went wild...I have a lot of bad memories about those years on Druid Hill Avenue...We were inside just about all the damned time except when we went to church or school or the store with an adult."<sup>36</sup> Cab recalls that about two years after moving back to Baltimore, his father, Cabell Jr. died following a nervous breakdown and subsequent institutionalization.<sup>37</sup> His father died in October 1913, and was buried at Laurel Cemetery.<sup>38</sup>

#### 1316 N. Carey Street

After his father's death, Cab moved into his maternal grandmother Annie Reed's home with his mother and siblings. This home was where Annie lived until her death in 1929, and it is still standing today. Cab fondly recalled his grandmother Reed's home in his autobiography, stating:

[W]hen we moved to my grandmother Reed's home, everything changed. The atmosphere there was loose and open and free...We would spend the evenings sitting and talking and reading and eating. There was laughter and the house was filled with noises and good smells...One of the nice things about my grandmother Reed's house was that there were other young people there. My mother's two brothers, Uncle Andrew and Uncle Milton, were still living at home, and it was lots of fun for us kids. They would joke and play with us, and often they took us places.<sup>39</sup>

While living at his Grandmother Reed's, Cab stopped going to church, opting instead to spend his Sunday mornings selling newspapers and playing craps, remembering that "I was part of a gang of guys who were basically young hustlers. We had two interests—making money and having a good time."<sup>40</sup>

### 2216 Druid Hill Avenue

Cab's mother Eulalia married his stepfather John "Jack" Nelson Fortune on September 15, 1915, and they held their wedding reception at 2216 Druid Hill Avenue, which the *Afro-American* noted was their future home.<sup>41</sup> The family rented this property from the fall of 1915 through 1921.<sup>42</sup> This was a multi-unit rental property owned by Maria L. Pinkett from 1908 to 1939.<sup>43</sup> Various tenants lived in this house over these decades, including the family of Ferdinand Newton between 1908 and 1910, Mrs. Annie Hopkins in 1911, the Weaver family in 1920 – who lived there at the same time as the Fortunes, Sarah Dent in 1927, and Annie Pinkett, likely a relative of Maria Pinkett, also in 1927.<sup>44</sup> Maria, who owned the property and worked as a domestic servant for a private family, did not live in the house until around 1930.<sup>45</sup>

According to Cab's autobiography, "Papa Jack", as Cab and his siblings referred to him, worked as a chauffeur, waiter, salesman in a department store, and owned a little grocery store that sold his bootleg gin.<sup>46</sup> In 1919, Jack got a new job as the first African American insurance agent for the Commercial Casualty Company.<sup>47</sup> He originally had an office at his home at 2216 Druid Hill Ave., but after proving himself to the company, he worked at the main office with his white colleagues.<sup>48</sup> During their time at 2216 Druid Hill Ave., Eulalia and Jack had two children, John Nelson Jr. and Mary Camilla, who went by her middle name.<sup>49</sup> Cab's older sister Blanche, who was already performing in Baltimore, joined a traveling musical act in late 1921 when she was 19 and broke into showbusiness.<sup>50</sup>

### Downingtown Industrial and Agricultural School, Chester County, PA

Cab admitted that between the ages of eleven and fifteen, "I was wild and independent and wouldn't listen to anyone," and he spent much of his time selling papers, going to horseraces at Pimlico racetrack and occasionally going to school.<sup>51</sup> In 1921, when Cab was thirteen or fourteen years old, his parents sent him to the Downingtown Industrial and Agricultural School in Pennsylvania, which was founded and run by his Grandmother Reed's brother, the Rev. William A. Creditt, pastor of the First African Baptist Church in Philadelphia, and member of the Mutual Brotherhood of Liberty.<sup>52</sup> The school, established in 1905 and in operation until 1993, was a non-profit institution aimed at helping under-achieving African American boys who were at risk of being considered "delinquent".<sup>53</sup> This was a difficult transition for Cab, as it was the first time away from his mother, and he was going somewhere entirely new. However, he settled in well on the rural campus and even connected with cousins who were also students there.<sup>54</sup> He stayed for about a year, and stated, "That year in Downingtown made a big difference. I walked into Downingtown a little boy, and I came out a man. What made the different was being away from home and having to make it on my own...Downingtown was a turning point for me."<sup>55</sup> However, after returning to Baltimore, Cab fell back into the same group of boys until his family moved to Wilson Park six months later.<sup>56</sup>

### 1001 Arlington Avenue (current address: 1001 E. 43<sup>rd</sup> Street)

Cab's family moved to a rental house in Wilson Park, a suburban enclave for African Americans developed by banker and insurance man Harry O. Wilson, who was Cab's mother's cousin on her maternal side.<sup>57</sup> The house that they rented was owned by Mr. Wilson, who had purchased it in 1921 from Rev. Robert W.S. Thomas, a well-respected Methodist pastor.<sup>58</sup> According to city directories, Cab's family lived here from 1922 to 1925; but given the lag time between the submission of information to publication of the directories, it is likely that the

family moved in sometime in 1921.<sup>59</sup> Cab fondly recalls his time in Wilson Park, stating that he “liked living out there” in the “great big house on the corner”.<sup>60</sup> He remembers it had “four bedrooms, a garage, a big lawn, and hedges all around.”<sup>61</sup> This house is still standing. Cab referred to his time in Wilson Park as an interlude, stating that “It was good for me because it got me out of the city into an environment where there were very few temptations.”<sup>62</sup> Cab started playing sports, and went to church and school again, graduating from the Lauraville School.<sup>63</sup> Every Wednesday evening, Cab took private voice lessons from Ruth Macabee, a music teacher, who taught him the fundamentals of singing and helped him extend his vocal range.<sup>64</sup>

### 1308 Madison Avenue

In his autobiography, Cab states that his family moved back to the city in 1924 when he was sixteen and a half, for reasons that his parents didn’t explain.<sup>65</sup> Polk’s Baltimore City Directory for 1925 lists the family at 1001 Arlington Avenue, so they possibly didn’t move from Arlington Ave. until that year.<sup>66</sup> Cab recalls that they rented a house at 1306 Madison Avenue; city directories name both John and “Eulalie” Fortune as residents of 1308 N. Madison Street in the 1926 and 1927 editions; this is likely the correct address of the home that they rented.<sup>67</sup> This house is no longer standing. It was at this house that the marriage between Cab’s mother and stepfather felt apart. Cab states in his autobiography that they broke up in 1926.<sup>68</sup> Although John and Eulalie Fortune were separated, they didn’t officially get a divorce until 1937.<sup>69</sup>

While living at 1308 Madison Avenue, Cab attended Douglass High School, where he thrived. He excelled at basketball and music, and learned that he could make good money entertaining people.<sup>70</sup> He took voice lessons and music theory with Llewellyn Wilson at Douglass High School, who was the head of the music department and a premier musician and music educator.<sup>71</sup> Cab picked up the drums and started playing in bands in clubs and speakeasies in the city while still in high school.<sup>72</sup> Cab recalls the dichotomy of his life in his high school years, balancing the values of the “church-going, middle class, strivers” of his family and music teachers, with the “rough and raucous” music scene that he was involved in.<sup>73</sup>

In 1926, Cab’s girlfriend, Zelma Proctor, became pregnant with his daughter Camay. They left Baltimore when she was seven months pregnant so she could have the baby in New York, but they broke up before their child was born.<sup>74</sup> Cab moved back to Baltimore and finished his education at Douglass High School, graduating in February, 1927.<sup>75</sup> He promptly joined a traveling music revue *Plantation Days*, which took him to Chicago, where his older sister Blanche was already a successful entertainer.<sup>76</sup>

### Callows Leave Baltimore

By 1928, Cab’s immediate family had scattered. Within the span of a month in 1926, his sister Bernice had both gotten married and graduated from Morgan College.<sup>77</sup> Cab and his older sister Blanche were living in Chicago. At Blanche and Cab’s invitation, Eulalia moved to Chicago in 1928 with her two youngest children, John Jr. and Camilla.<sup>78</sup>

Cab’s younger brother, Elmer, moved in with their grandmother Annie Reed at 1316 N. Carey St., likely to finish his education at Douglass High School. He lived there in 1929 and 1930,

but by 1931, he too had started a musical career and was traveling on the East Coast with Percy Glascoe and his Plantation orchestra as the director and entertainer.<sup>79</sup> He soon after left the music industry, went to college, and promptly settled in Atlanta, where he worked as a vocational teacher; he died in 1979.<sup>80</sup>

Blanche moved back to Baltimore at the end of her life. After staying with her sister Bernice in Morgan Park, she moved into her own home at 3302 Hillen Road, which was her home at her death in 1978.<sup>81</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Cab Calloway and Bryant Rollins, *Of Minnie the Moocher and Me* (Cab Calloway and Bryant Rollins, 1976), 8.

<sup>2</sup> Calloway and Rollins, 12.

<sup>3</sup> “Cabell Calloway Dead.,” *Afro-American (1893-1988); Baltimore, Md.*, May 9, 1919.

<sup>4</sup> “1910 United States Federal Census - Year: 1910; Census Place: Baltimore Ward 11, Baltimore (Independent City), Maryland; Roll: T624\_556; Page: 1B; Enumeration District: 0166; FHL Microfilm: 1374569,” accessed December 17, 2019, [https://search.ancestryheritagequest.com/cgi-bin/sse.dll?\\_phsrc=YAF57&\\_phstart=successSource&usePUBJs=true&indiv=1&qh=9i9w2VGm0kq2%2BMhd1WDmSw%3D%3D&db=1910USCenIndex&gss=angs-d&new=1&rank=1&msT=1&gsfn=cabell&gsfn\\_x=0&gsln=calloway&gsln\\_x=0&MSAV=1&uidh=qv5&pcat=35&fh=1&h=10325143&recoff=&ml\\_rpos=2](https://search.ancestryheritagequest.com/cgi-bin/sse.dll?_phsrc=YAF57&_phstart=successSource&usePUBJs=true&indiv=1&qh=9i9w2VGm0kq2%2BMhd1WDmSw%3D%3D&db=1910USCenIndex&gss=angs-d&new=1&rank=1&msT=1&gsfn=cabell&gsfn_x=0&gsln=calloway&gsln_x=0&MSAV=1&uidh=qv5&pcat=35&fh=1&h=10325143&recoff=&ml_rpos=2); R.L. Polk & Co., *R.L. Polk & Co.’s Baltimore City Directory for ... : Containing a New Map of the City, a Carefully Classified Business Directory, New and Complete Street Directory, Giving Both the Old and New Numbers ... and an Appendix of Much Useful Information. (1888)* ([Baltimore] : R.L. Polk & Co.), accessed December 23, 2019,

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<sup>5</sup> “WIDOW DECREES DESTRUCTION OF FAMILY PHOTOS: Late Mrs. Calloway Willed Estate To Grand Children MANY FRIENDS ARE REMEMBERED ALSO Sharp St. Church, Old Folks Home Acid Madison St. Get Gifts - ProQuest Historical Newspapers: The Baltimore Afro-American - ProQuest.”

<sup>6</sup> “Hold Last Rites for Mrs. Annie C. Reed - ProQuest Historical Newspapers: The Baltimore Afro-American - ProQuest,” accessed December 17, 2019, <https://search.proquest.com/hnpbaltimoreafricanamerican/docview/530764679/E3CD49FE8E954E70PQ/16?accountid=10750>.

<sup>7</sup> Calloway and Rollins, *Of Minnie the Moocher and Me*, 26; “Hold Last Rites for Mrs. Annie C. Reed - ProQuest Historical Newspapers: The Baltimore Afro-American - ProQuest”; “Downingtown Industrial and Agricultural School Collection,” accessed December 26, 2019, [https://library.temple.edu/finding\\_aids/547](https://library.temple.edu/finding_aids/547); Dennis Patrick Halpin, *A Brotherhood of Liberty: Black Reconstruction and Its Legacies in Baltimore, 1865-1920* (Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2019), 84.

<sup>8</sup> “DANIEL CREDITT, LOCAL PRINCIPAL, DEAD: DANIEL CREDITT SCHOOL HEAD DIES AT 57 Principal Of School 104 Succumbs After Illness Of Over A Year WAS TO BE RETIRED THIS SCHOOL TERM Application Made For Retirement Due To Physical Disability - ProQuest Historical Newspapers: The Baltimore Afro-American - ProQuest,” accessed December 17, 2019, <https://search.proquest.com/hnpbaltimoreafricanamerican/docview/530659443/6CB131370A484A1APQ/1?accountid=10750>.

<sup>9</sup> “U.S. National Cemetery Interment Control Forms, 1928-1962” (Ancestry.com, n.d.), Interment Control Forms, 1928–1962. Interment Control Forms, A1 2110-B. Records of the Office of the Quartermaster General, 1774–1985, Record Group 92. The National Archives at College Park, College Park, Maryland.

<sup>10</sup> “Battle Unit Details: United States Colored Troops: 38th Regiment, United States Colored Infantry,” National Park Service, accessed December 26, 2019, <https://www.nps.gov/subjects/civilwar/search-battle-units-detail.htm>.

<sup>11</sup> “1900 United States Federal Census - Year: 1900; Census Place: Baltimore Ward 12, Baltimore City (Independent City), Maryland; Page: 11; Enumeration District: 0152; FHL Microfilm: 1240613,” accessed

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<sup>12</sup> R.L. Polk & Co, *R.L. Polk & Co. 's Baltimore City Directory for ... : Containing a New Map of the City, a Carefully Classified Business Directory, New and Complete Street Directory, Giving Both the Old and New Numbers ... and an Appendix of Much Useful Information.* (1888) ([Baltimore] : R.L. Polk & Co.), 898, accessed December 23, 2019, <http://archive.org/details/rpolkcosbaltimo1888rlpo>; R.L. Polk & Co, *Baltimore City Directory for the Year Commencing ... : Containing an Alphabetical List of Business Firms and Private Citizens, a Directory of the City Officers, Terms of Court, Churches ... Also a Revised Street Directory, and a Complete Classified Business Directory ... of All Trades, Professions and Pursuits.* (Baltimore : R.L. Polk & Co., 1905), 1386, <http://archive.org/details/baltimorecitydir1905rlpo>; "1900 United States Federal Census - Year: 1900; Census Place: Baltimore Ward 12, Baltimore City (Independent City), Maryland; Page: 11; Enumeration District: 0152; FHL Microfilm: 1240613."

<sup>13</sup> R.L. Polk & Co, *Baltimore City Directory for the Year Commencing ...*, 1905, 1386; Halpin, *A Brotherhood of Liberty: Black Reconstruction and Its Legacies in Baltimore, 1865-1920*, 84.

<sup>14</sup> "U.S. National Cemetery Interment Control Forms, 1928-1962."

<sup>15</sup> "Hold Last Rites for Mrs. Annie C. Reed - ProQuest Historical Newspapers: The Baltimore Afro-American - ProQuest"; "Where Hi de Ho Really Began - ProQuest Historical Newspapers: The Baltimore Afro-American - ProQuest," accessed December 17, 2019,

<https://search.proquest.com/hnpbaltimoreafricanamerican/docview/531055625/8D56A3C9DE5049F8PQ/16?accountid=10750>.

<sup>16</sup> "Hold Last Rites for Mrs. Annie C. Reed - ProQuest Historical Newspapers: The Baltimore Afro-American - ProQuest."

<sup>17</sup> "Where Hi de Ho Really Began - ProQuest Historical Newspapers: The Baltimore Afro-American - ProQuest."

<sup>18</sup> "Where Hi de Ho Really Began - ProQuest Historical Newspapers: The Baltimore Afro-American - ProQuest."

<sup>19</sup> R.L. Polk & Co, *R.L. Polk & Co. 's Baltimore City Directory for ... : Containing a New Map of the City, a Carefully Classified Business Directory, New and Complete Street Directory, Giving Both the Old and New Numbers ... and an Appendix of Much Useful Information.* (1889) ([Baltimore] : R.L. Polk & Co.), 944, accessed December 23, 2019, <http://archive.org/details/rpolkcosbaltimo1889rlpo>; R.L. Polk & Co, *Baltimore City Directory for the Year Commencing ...*, 1905, 1386; R.L. Polk & Co, *Baltimore City Directory for the Year Commencing ... : Containing an Alphabetical List of Business Firms and Private Citizens, a Directory of the City Officers, Terms of Court, Churches ... Also a Revised Street Directory, and a Complete Classified Business Directory ... of All Trades, Professions and Pursuits.* (1906) (Baltimore : R.L. Polk & Co.), 1654, accessed December 17, 2019, <http://archive.org/details/baltimorecitydir1906rlpo>; "Obituary 2 -- No Title - ProQuest Historical Newspapers: The Baltimore Afro-American - ProQuest," accessed December 17, 2019, <https://search.proquest.com/hnpbaltimoreafricanamerican/docview/530765563/708D101AB02E46A9PQ/6?accountid=10750>.

<sup>20</sup> "The Funeral Of Mrs. Mary L. Creditt - ProQuest Historical Newspapers: The Baltimore Afro-American - ProQuest," accessed December 17, 2019,

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<sup>21</sup> "Hold Last Rites for Mrs. Annie C. Reed - ProQuest Historical Newspapers: The Baltimore Afro-American - ProQuest."

<sup>22</sup> "Other 21 -- No Title," *The Sun (1837-1994); Baltimore, Md.*, February 25, 1901.

<sup>23</sup> Calloway and Rollins, *Of Minnie the Moocher and Me*, 11; Alyn Shipton, *Hi-De-Ho: The Life of Cab Calloway* (Oxford University Press, 2010), 1; "Death of Cabell Calloway," *Afro-American (1893-1988); Baltimore, Md.*, October 18, 1913; "PLATFORM ADOPTED.: Jim Cow Legislation And To Be Fought To The Bitter End A Large Turn Out Of Baltimore's Leading Men To Discussive Protective Measurers--An Entbnsiastic Meeting.--Representatives From Several Counties Present.," *Afro-American (1893-1988); Baltimore, Md.*, January 30, 1904.

<sup>24</sup> Calloway and Rollins, *Of Minnie the Moocher and Me*, 11; "Cab Calloway's Mother Succumbs - ProQuest Historical Newspapers: The Baltimore Afro-American - ProQuest," accessed December 17, 2019,

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